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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Vahid Saadat
Serial No. : 09/746,570^a
Filed : December 20, 2000
For : MULTI-BARBED DEVICE FOR RETAINING
TISSUE IN APPPOSITION AND METHODS OF USE
Group Art Unit : 3765
Examiner : Ismael Izaguirre

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

A three-month extension of time is respectfully requested to respond to the Office action dated May 9, 2003, received in the above-identified application. Authorization to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account 50-2298 in an amount appropriate for a three-month extension is enclosed herewith.

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003, received in the above-identified application, applicant makes the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is submitted in accordance with revised amendment format to be adopted under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, as promulgated in the Official Gazette at 1267 TMOG 106 (February 25, 2003).

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